

Mrs. George W. Jefferson testifies by affidavit in substance as follows:

"I am working for the McClelland Bakery company on Hunter Street. I was in attendance as a witness on the trial of the State vs Frank for 2 weeks and went on the stand on Thursday.

"On Monday after the trial I went back to the Pencil Factory and went up to see my forelady and she told me they had given my machine away. And I went to see Mr. Darley, and Mr. Darley said that he did not understand that the firm intended to lay me off but that he thought I misconstrued the thing and didn't tell the truth and would rather I would go back to Mr. Dorsey and say that I swore an untruth about the strings at the factory and about the blood spots on the floor. I told him I could not do that – that I had sworn the truth and nothing but the truth. He gave me back my job on Tuesday and I went back to work.

"As I swore on the stand, the strings with which pencils were tied were always kept in the polish room, but the morning I went back to work after the trial, Mr. Darley called my attention to strings hanging around in the metal room and all around in the building and I said I never had seen any strings in there before, and Mr. Darley said: 'Well, they had been there and I probably never noticed them.' But I never had seen any strings before except in the polish room, where a few were kept.

"My forelady Mary Pirk also insisted that I had not told the truth on the stand and tried to get me to state that the stains might have been paint spilled there by some of the girls, - but I stated to her, as I swore on the stand, that paint had never been carried into the metal room that I ever saw and I had been there [sic] 5 years.

"When I went to Mr. Dorsey's office to have my subpoena signed so that I could get my money – this being on Saturday after the trial – Mr. Dorsey stated to me that people all over the state had been sending him produce of different kinds, - tomatoes, melons, corn, etc.; he had a cake there that someone had sent him and asked me if I would like to have some, and gave me the cake which I ate and found to be very nice indeed, and enjoyed.

"After I went back to work, the Pencil Factory people let me alone for three or four weeks, after I had refused to change my testimony, until just after Christmas Mr. Burke came to me and wanted me to sign an affidavit. I told him that what I swore on the stand was the truth and I would stick to it. He said 'Mrs. Jefferson, would you answer that that blood could have been on the floor on Friday before Mary was killed?' And I says: 'No, I couldn't swear that I couldn't swear anything about it because I never had seen it there before; but I could swear I saw it there on Monday morning after she was killed.' He says: 'The alleged blood spots could have been there on Friday?' And I said: 'If they were there I I didn't see them, but I couldn't swear that they were there or were not there; but I did see them Monday.' He said that that paper was only a statement for the office of Rosser and Arnold but wasn't an affidavit, and I signed it. I said that I didn't want to sign it if it would get me in any trouble, and Burke said: 'Why, you wouldn't mind signing it if it would help Mr. Frank and help you keep your job, would you?' I understood that the paper had in it just what is related above.

"When Mr. Burke was talking to me he laid a great deal of emphasis on the cake Mr. Dorsey had given me, and asked me if I knew Mr. Dorsey intimately; was I very intimate with him, and I told him no indeed, that I had never seen him before the trial but once and that I only knew him in connection with the trial.

"I did not swear to this paper which I signed but merely signed it, thinking it was only a statement.

"On the 19th of February, after Mr. Frank didn't get a new trial, - I was laid off. Mell Stanford, who testified for the state, was also laid off some little time before I was.

"Last Monday afternoon Mr. Dan Lehon also came to see me, and told me he had an affidavit he wanted to get me to sign for an extraordinary motion for new trial. I said: 'Wait a minute; I don't sign anything unless I read it.' It didn't read like I said it and I wouldn't sign it. I told him I didn't sign anything I didn't know what I was signing. He asked me if I wanted to see Mr. Frank hang. I told him if he was innocent I didn't, but if he was guilty, I did. I was so mad I wouldn't talk to him any more."